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Hodgson begins quest for gold

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Staff Reporter

After tallying nine points in three pre-competition games, Haliburton native Cody Hodgson continued his point streak as Team Canada began its quest for a fifth straight gold medal in the 2009 IIHF World Junior Championship in Ottawa.

In two games Hodgson has eight points and the Canadian juniors walloped their competition, outscoring them 23-1 and out shooting them 106-33 to start the tournament with a 2-0 record.

Canada opened the tournament on Boxing Day with a convincing 8-1 rout of the Czech Republic in front of 19,622 fans, a tournament record crowd.

Hodgson assisted on two goals in the second period.

The first set up John Tavares in a power play and the second was an even-strength marker on a goal scored by Ryan Ellis half-way through the period.

While the Canadians required only two goals to win the game, the team's offence added six more on their way to outshooting their opponents 37-22.

Team Canada goaltender Dustin Tokarski lost his shutout bid with just two minutes left in the game.



MATT JAMES/ECHO

Here's looking at you, kid

Heather Peddie chats with her nine-year-old daughter Sadie Lissemore from the warmer side of the Dysart et al arena. On December 29 Haliburton Remax sponsored a public free skating session. There's also free skating in Haliburton from 1 to 3 on December 30 and 31 and January 2. For more gliding glamour shots turn to page 12.

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Generator is likely cause of Drag Lake house fire

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

A generator is being blamed for a fire that nearly destroyed the home of a long-time Drag Lake resident.

Peggy Podmore had started the generator when the power went off Sunday morning after a wind storm knocked trees onto power lines.

Shortly after 3:30, she was talking on the telephone when she heard the generator sputtering, says Dysart et al Fire Chief Miles Maughan.

She went outside to see what was the matter and saw that the outside wall of her home was on fire. She immediately called 911.

"By the time we got there the fire was in the basement," says Maughan, who estimates the damage to be at least \$200,000. "The house is pretty well gutted. It's still standing but the living room and bedroom are gone."

Maughan said the generator looked fairly new. "I suspect it has something to do with the exhaust - that it exhausted onto something combustible," he said Monday afternoon.

Podmore and her late husband Larry are well known and respected on the lake, which has a public beach named by the lake association in their honour.

There were 17 firefighters who responded to the fire.

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Hydro hopes to have all the lights back on soon

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

By the time most people read this it won't be by candle-light or generator power.

Hydro One hoped to have electricity restored to most homes in Haliburton County by last night but there will be some people who won't get their power back until four this afternoon, says local spokesman Bill Smeaton.

As of 6:30 on Monday morning, there were 7,000 cus-



MATT JAMES/Echo

High winds that reached upwards of 100 kilometres per hour caused trees to topple around the county and made for a few dangerous situations with downed wires on Sunday. At approximately 12 p.m. near the intersection of County Roads 507 and 3 the top of a hydro pole was scorched when a large pine tree wiped out hydro wires. Highlands East firefighters were on the scene for several hours to keep passing motorists safe from any danger.

tomers still without power in the Minden service area. On Sunday, high winds toppled trees which fell on overhead power lines. Most outages were caused by broken wires but there were also several broken poles.

The hardest hit areas were:

- Halls and Boshkung Lakes, with 1,200 customers without power
- the Eagle and Haliburton Lake area with 1,100 customers affected
- the Gooderham and Tory Hill area with 1,400 customers in the dark and
- Kennisis Lake with 800 customers scrambling to stay warm.

Smeaton says, "This storm was widespread throughout the province creating difficulty due to volume of calls. Yesterday's line patrolling was difficult due to amount of snow in our off-road sections. Most crews were patrolling on foot with snowshoes."

As outside crews restored power to areas with less severe damage, they moved in to help Haliburton County's crews. Helicopters were deployed on Monday morning to help assess the damage.

On a personal note, Smeaton said that he is leaving the county on January 5 to take on a new role in Newmarket.

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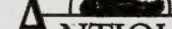
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Trip to Peru eye-opening experience

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

People decide to travel for a number of reasons — for relaxation, adventure, experience, or to see family or friends. But for Haliburton resident Barb Wood, a recent trip to Peru was to help those in need.

As a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Haliburton, Wood heard about a trip to Peru being organized by the Diocese of Pembroke, which established a partnership with Lima, Peru's capital city, in 2006. It was described as a pilgrimage.

"Our objective was to experience the enormous need that exists for the people in a Third World country," said Wood.

Wood was allowed to pack two suitcases: one filled with her own belongings, the other full of supplies for the poverty-stricken villages she would visit.

It was around midnight when her group reached its destination, a retreat centre. She said the drive through Lima that night was "certainly interesting," with bright lights, busy highways, mass of people, and the choking pollution of diesel exhaust.

After two days of sightseeing in Lima, the group travelled south to Chorrillos, where in 2007 the Diocese of Pembroke set up a

feeding program to help children and their families.

"There," Wood says, "families get two nutritious meals a day and mothers receive information about nutrition and hygiene."

The group then carried on to the eastern rural village of Manchay. With 60,000 to 80,000 people living in a desert landscape, 11.7 per cent of the population lives in conditions of absolute poverty and 41.7 per cent in poverty. More than 55 per cent of the houses are made from wood or reeds and many properties are communally owned and divided into housing lots not legally recognized by the government.

This makes credit, let alone good credit, hard to come by when only 10.8 per cent of adults are adequately employed and 35.7 are without any employment. More than half the population receives less than minimum wage, about 500 soles a month, which is about \$175 USD.

It was here that Wood left behind the contents of her second suitcase filled with toys, medical supplies, and rosaries.

"The people of Peru are very faithful to their church," she said. "It is a big part of life in the country and to the people."

While Peru is similar to Canada in that both countries have the rich and the poor, the big difference is that Canada has people in



It's still possible to see people dressed in traditional clothing in Cuzco, Peru, Barb Wood discovered, when she went to the South American country as part of a Catholic pilgrimage.

between. In Peru, Wood says they have the rich, the poor and the very, very poor.

In Chinchá Alta, which the group visited on November 29, the village was still recovering from an earthquake in August 2007.

Members of the Diocese of Pembroke are sponsoring children in Chinchá Alta. For \$150 a child can be enrolled in school for a year, a big deal considering every child that goes to school in Peru has to pay, public or private.

"So you can imagine there's thousands, maybe even millions of children that don't go to school," she said. "If their parents don't sponsor them they don't go to school."

Wood said the people there were grateful for all the help they're getting from Canadians.

On many occasions when disembarking from the bus she said children would do cartwheels or juggle or play music with the hopes of receiving money. "Some of these children were evidently not in school and maybe they were helping their families by doing this," she said.

This is a way of life for many Peruvians and while she saw some pretty poor living conditions it wasn't all bad.

"Even though these people are poor they have such faith and such spirit and such hope," she said. "They're happy, they're happy in their own way."

She knows this because she can see it on the faces of the children in the pictures she took.

While it was a month before Christmas, decorations were already up and the feeling of Christmas was certainly apparent. And while bringing a second suitcase full of supplies for the Peruvian people wasn't originally viewed as a Christmas gift, Wood said it felt like it.

In Chinchá Alta, Wood witnessed many families receiving Christmas cards with monetary gifts from their sponsors in the Diocese of Pembroke.

"This was a little extra over and above what they normally do," said Wood.

For Wood the trip was an eye-opening experience but it was also non-stop. Since flying back to Canada on December 6, she's reflected on her adventure. Sitting in her Echo Hills apartment she was asked what stood out most about her trip.

"I'm not making a political statement or anything," said Wood, "but the government of Peru doesn't really help poor people."

She said it was sad that the government doesn't run any programs like our government does.

From her Peruvian experience Wood hopes to sponsor one of the girls she met in Chinchá Alta, and because of the partnership with the diocese, she knows her support will be given directly to her sponsor child.



Barb Wood stands with a group of children she met in Chinchá Alta, Peru. She hopes to sponsor the girl on the far left. For just \$150 she can send that girl to school for a year.

Home builders have faith in county's future

But they'd still appreciate support from all levels of government

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

While local contractors have faith in the county's long-term financial future, they are hoping that politicians on all levels do something to lessen the potential impact of the recession.

"Every time they bring in a new law or code it adds to the cost of a new home compared to an existing home," says Derek Beachli, president of the Haliburton County Home Builders' Association.

The association doesn't object to the principles behind the changes, many of which are for improved safety, but members think there are ways that federal, provincial and municipal leaders can make it easier for people to afford a new home. And since construction, with its myriad of trades, is one of the biggest employers in this county, keeping housing costs affordable helps keep people in those trades employed.

"I don't think people realize how each of these layers of infrastructure or rules actually cost," says the association's executive officer, Aggie Tose, who's also chair of the provincial association of executive officers. "Somewhere down the line a home owner will say, 'I'm not paying that much.'"

"It's not that builders don't want [the rules]," she adds. "These are things that can't be changed but the levels of taxation can be."

They'll be reading the fine print in the federal government, hoping to see such things as an increase in the GST



The construction industry is one of the biggest employers in Haliburton County. Derek Beachli and Aggie Tose of the local home builders' association hope all levels of government do what they can to keep the industry active.

rebate for home builders. They're also fighting the WSIB change that makes it mandatory for the business's owner to pay WSIB premiums. Right now, most contractors who own their own business get disability insurance because it's less expensive and more comprehensive. The new WSIB law, which comes into effect in 2011, will require

them to pay 10 per cent of their gross income.

At a municipal level there are all kinds of fees which add up over the course of construction.

Beachli is in the process of building a new home for himself. He says that by the time you go through the process of creating a new lot, and then add in all the new costs – such as a new mandatory thermostat for plumbing that costs \$300 – it's impossible to build what can be called affordable housing.

"To build a \$150,000 home any more is impossible," he says. "A lot of building is fixed cost. Just the cost of creating a new lot, you think, 'Is it worth it?' To develop a lot it doesn't make sense to build an affordable house."

Despite the challenges facing home builders in 2009, local contractors believe that Haliburton County is well positioned to withstand the economic downturn.

"We're not anywhere near the desperation mode like it is in the States," says Tose. They've heard of no cottages or homes being sold by the banks because mortgage payments can't be met although there is a general slow down of projects, both new homes and renovations.

With more than 40 members, the recession will affect each member differently.

"We're all feeling that it's slowing down but it's a blip in the economy and I think it will come back," says Beachli. Contractors often work six months in advance and some have lots of work left while others are waiting for new projects.

"People are making tough decisions but they're decisions they have to make," says Tose, referring to both home owners and business owners. "I don't think it hurts anyone to think twice [about costs]."

She adds that owners are tightening up on some aspects of construction but are still willing to pay more money to make their homes and cottages more energy efficient.

Provincially, 80 per cent of home builders say they'll be affected by the recession but only 34 per cent predict they'll have to lay off staff. Some local firms have had to lay off workers and some customers have postponed construction until they're more confident about their finances.

"We're still a huge draw for people who are retiring," says Beachli. "People who want to come to Haliburton still will."

It's important to keep the recent reduction in property values in perspective, he says. "People look at what their property was worth two years ago instead of 10 years ago. It may have gone down \$50,000 in two years but it's still up 300 per cent from 10 years ago."

Cottagers are the bulk of landowners in Haliburton County and they have a wide spectrum of incomes. "I don't think anyone is insulated from the economy," Beachli says.

Beachli poses the main question on home builders' minds this way: "There's still work out there and work will keep coming in, but will people put off plans until the economy changes?"



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Radon's risks are hard to detect, couple warns

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

Shawn Arscott and Darlene Buckingham have lived alongside the nuclear industry for a large part of their lives.

Before moving to the country outside of Tory Hill they lived next door to the nuclear plant in Pickering for two years.

Today they spend much of their time fighting open pit uranium mining proposed in locations near their 45-acre rural home.

And last winter they discovered they had radon gas in their home and uranium in their water and it hasn't been easy.

"We've had no co-operation or assistance at all. You have to remediate on your own," said Arscott on a sunny afternoon at his dining room table. "We had to get the detector from the States, we couldn't get one here."

At all times Arscott and Buckingham have a radon detector plugged in somewhere in the house taking readings of the air.

Radon gas is the product of decaying uranium. As uranium goes through its lifecycle it lets off gas, which can sometimes find its way into people's homes through cracks in the foundation, exposed soil in a crawlspace, hollow support posts or floor drains and sump pumps.

When the gas gets into a closed space like a house, it gets trapped and the inhabitants unknowingly breathe it. It has no smell or taste.

The Canadian government has set a radon concentration guideline of 200 becquerels per cubic metre. At that point homeowners should seek remediation, although there is no "acceptable radon

JENN WATT/Echo



Radon is created when uranium decays. Darlene Buckingham and Shawn Arscott have learned about radon's dangers the hard way. They did a film about their discoveries and presented it at the Haliburton International Film Festival a few weeks ago.

level" determined by the government.

"The only known health risk associated with exposure to radon is an increased risk of developing lung cancer," according to a pamphlet on the gas developed by Health Canada and the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Because it comes from uranium, if that metal is present in water, radon can escape into homes when water is running.

Radon inspector and mitigator Bob Woods says the ideal time to test the air for radon gas is in the winter months when fewer windows will be open.

Testing can be done with a kit set up at home or by an inspector specially trained. Kits are hard to find, and Canada still doesn't have a certification process. Health Canada recommends purchasing a product that is certified by the National Environmental Health Association or National Radon Safety Board – both American institutions.

Licensed radon gas mitigators are just as hard to find in Canada. In fact, Woods is only one of two certified mitigators in Canada as listed on the Canadian Radon Protection Agency. His business, Mr. Radon, is based in Stouffville, while the other is in Manitoba.

It is next to impossible to determine whether you have radon gas in your home

without getting it tested, Woods said.

"There is no way to predict any particular home. It's the number of rocks that contain uranium or radon under your house and the ability for the radon to get into your house," he said.

While this county has a lot of uranium in the earth and therefore more radon gas, it mostly depends on how the house is constructed whether gas can be trapped.

The procedure to remove the gas is a simple home renovation, Woods said.

"It's just a home repair, like replacing your eaves troughs," he said. In most cases it means installing a pipe under the basement floor that pushes the gas out from the earth into the air rather than allowing it to get into the basement. The cost is usually less than \$2,000.

Arscott installed his own, but said it was easy for him because his house is up on posts. He also installed a five-step reverse osmosis system for the water, which removes the uranium and all other natural minerals.

It cost them about \$25 to have the water tested by Accutest lab in Kingston.

"If you have uranium in your water, you have radon gas in your home," Ar-

scott said.

"Some people don't want to know [if there is gas in their homes]," Buckingham said, "but you'll want to know when you're sick."

Because dealing with uranium is so new in Canada, there are few resources for the couple. They wonder what to do with the charcoal filter they have on their shower. Once it has trapped the uranium, it must be radioactive, so where do they throw it out?

They also point out that there is no legislation in Ontario that states a house must be tested for radon gas or uranium contamination in water before it is sold.

Woods said the lack of legislation is frustrating.

"The issue is that it's another barrier to the [house sale] deal. And until it gets legislated there will be a few really good realtors that do it and most other ones won't," he said.

"My message to the realtors is: these are your clients you need to do the best that you can for your clients as a selling realtor. If you know that there is a chance you should strongly be recommending that real estate testing get done," he said.

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Put the "happy" in the new year

IN KEEPING with our annual tradition, here are some of the things that will make us happy in 2009.

Neighbours: This past Saturday and Sunday were far from being a festive holiday weekend for many Highlanders. Heavy fog on Saturday night and a power outage on Sunday were more than an inconvenience for thousands of people. Luckily, doors were

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editorial

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hospitality was warmly appreciated.

All-day breakfasts: When the power goes out it's good to know that the kitchens are still open at restaurants across the county. For most of us, a restaurant breakfast is still a bit of a treat and it's reassuring to know that there are places where the coffee is always on and food is always hot. To those waiters and waitresses who were kept hopping on Sunday morning because of the crowds of people flocking to town after the wind storm, a big thank you.

Differing perspectives: It's okay to disagree but it's not okay to be disagreeable about it. We are entering into uncertain political territory on the federal level in the new year and it's important that cool heads prevail. The economy calls for people working together to get us through the recession relatively unscathed. We'll all have different opinions about how best to provide an economic stimulus and it makes for a healthy democracy to be debating the pros and cons of the various plans. But let's do it in a nice way.

Bill Smeaton: Well, this one actually falls into the category of what we are grateful for. For the past five years, Bill Smeaton has been an invaluable liaison between Hydro One and the county's residents. He's worked hard to balance the needs of Ontario's power supplier with those landowners in Haliburton County who want both a reliable power source and pretty forests along our roadways. (The two desires are sometimes mutually exclusive.) As the *Echo's* go-to guy for information, Smeaton has always been helpful and co-operative, quickly supplying the information that the *Echo* shares with its readers to keep them up-to-date and informed. Our readers don't know it yet, but they'll miss his dedication to the county.



A tree on a wire

Photo by Matt James

You can't train a cat

THIS YEAR, FOR CHRISTMAS, we surprised our two cats with a big screen television. And though I'm no great fan of felines, even I am getting a bit concerned at how much time they spend in front of it.

Bear in mind that when I say big screen television, I don't mean the kind that you actually plug in or move into the living room – that's the human type. The cat version is much simpler. You just hang a bag of suet a few inches outside of any large window. The reception is always great, there are no commercials, and they'll watch it all day long.

In fact, from the moment I open my office door in the morning to when the programming takes a decidedly dull turn when it gets dark, both cats have their eyes glued to that glass. Every time a woodpecker, chickadee, nuthatch, or jay drops lands on the suet bag, the cats watch it intently, tense up in that predatory feline way, and then lunge at the window, immediately smacking their heads upon it with an audible thump.

The dogs and I never tire of it. You'd think that after 75 or 80 collisions a day, the cats might have learned a thing or two. But they haven't.

Instead, they endure the headaches, waiting for the next bird. And then they tense up, pounce, and rattle the glass once again.

Even the birds have learned. The regulars don't even fly off at the thump anymore. They just look over and chuckle as the cat slides down the window. Then they continue mining for fat. Between you and me, I think that's a very sad commentary on the intellectual capacity of cats.

Or is it?

Call me crazy but I have just enough distrust

of the feline mind to think that perhaps this is part of some greater master plan. I mean, what if the cats are doing this to lull the birds into a false sense of security?

Sure they take a headache or two, but they also make the birds secure in the protection that the glass provides. A few more weeks of this and the birds are completely at ease.

Then, if I know cats like I think I do, they'll probably build a portable window frame and cover it in cellophane. The next step, of course, is to set it up at a secret location, beside a suet station that they've built. There they'll sit patiently behind the cellophane until the next victim lands on the suet. Then, wham! Right through the cellophane!

Oh, those devious cats!

What you have just read was written as a public service to illustrate the first sign of cabin fever.

Should you or anyone in your circle of family and friends begin theorizing on what goes on within the wily mind of a cat, you should immediately seek help.

At the very least you ought to strap on a pair of snowshoes or cross-country skis and do a circuit or two. If you do this, but fail to go outside, that is the second sign indicating that your cabin fever has progressed beyond manageable levels.

Let's face it, no cat or cats, no matter how talented or devious, would go so far as to build a fake window frame and cover it with cellophane. Why would they, when they could just as easily steal a glasscutter and make a barely noticeable circular opening in the window?

Thinking this, by the way, is the third and final sign that cabin fever has set in.

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Mice and mistletoe

WHEN THE CAR wouldn't stop, Steven knew he was in trouble. As the snow bank loomed closer, he kept calm. Behind him was a line of vehicles that thankfully had left some room to manoeuvre. Continuing to apply pressure on his brake, Steven managed to steer around the snow and continued on to the other entrance to the circular drive. Here he could turn in and eventually slipped and slid to a stop.

Holidays are for fun but driving in wintery December was far from enjoyable. He was glad to have reached his final destination, his daughter's home where he would spend a few days happily visiting. Over-indulging in food, drink and conversation were much better alternatives to "white knuckling" over icy highways and unpredictable country roads.

As well his grandson Hal was at an age when the magic of the season was especially strong. Scanning the sky for a flying sleigh, Hal had to be coaxed a bit to join Steven for a story on the couch. Abruptly a groan of revulsion came from the other room. Steven's daughter Erica walked into the living room, making a face. She had wondered why Steven's dog had been so interested in the pantry until she looked behind some large storage bins and found the object of interest. A dead mouse, far from recent, was discovered under shelving.

This was one of those moments when Steven was happy to be a mere visitor, someone not expected to deal with such unpleasant matters. Softly decaying objects that oozed and stank could be dealt with by adult offspring quite well, he thought, leaning back into the couch and turning a page in Hal's Christmas book.

A few minutes later there was a knock on the door and Erica's neighbour appeared. A widow of a certain age, she was wearing a bright red jacket and carrying a tin of home baking. Of course Erica invited her in for eggnog and chocolates and she was only too happy to squeeze in beside Steven and Hal on the couch. This gave Steven an ideal opportunity to look at her more closely.

A woman in her mid-fifties, she had dark lustrous hair that belied the lines on her face and the spots on her hands. She was wearing a black sweater and pants with a red and green silk scarf and looked quite festive. The sparkle in her eyes and blush in her cheeks indicated she may have had a nip of something besides eggnog before walking over to Erica's. Steven now noticed a scent he hadn't been aware of before. While hard to define, he could not say it was pleasant.

There was just no accounting for taste he thought absently, later walking her to the door. As they passed from the living room into the front hall, the woman suddenly stopped and planted a kiss on Steven's cheek, barely missing his mouth. Somewhat taken aback, he almost lost his balance but she grabbed him in a friendly hug and pointed above their heads. Erica, that mischievous creature, had hung mistletoe from the ceiling archway. The neighbour had spotted it when she came in earlier. Smiling wanly, Steven wished her greetings of the season and was glad to see the door close behind her.

Erica apologised for the mistletoe. Apparently there was another neighbour on which she had her eye but he had not yet taken up her invitation to stop by. "Maybe Boxing Day," she said somewhat wistfully.

After they got Hal safely off to bed and had taken care of the Christmas tree, Steven and Erica sat in the soft glow of its lights. She said, as she always did, that she wished she had a proper bed for him when he came visiting and Steven pooh-poohed these words as he always did. Erica's dog was the one who objected to Steven taking over the couch as he had to settle for a spot beside the woodstove instead.

Later stretched out on the couch, Steven watched the flames dance and thought perhaps the smell he had noticed earlier had come from the doggy couch and not the amorous neighbour. But it was hardly enough to keep him from falling into a deep and pleasant sleep.

It wasn't until a day after he had returned home that Erica phoned him with news about the couch on which he had slept so well. As Erica was straightening it up after Steven's departure she had noticed the now familiar smell of dead mouse. Moving the couch away from the wall she came to realize it was not under or behind the furniture but somehow caught in the construction. Perhaps the work of her cat, she suggested. It took some doing to remove it but mouse number two was soon tossed out into the snow.

Before hanging up, Steven told her that if he had to choose between dealing with a dead mouse and the neighbour under mistletoe, he'd pick the mouse.



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pic of the past

AN overfilled sleigh, carefully piled, was known as a "brag load," and often prompted a photograph. This image dates to the early 20th century. Although no names were recorded, the stalwart horses however are remembered as Kid and Farmer.

This photo along with many others can be found in the book *Haliburton: A History in Pictures* which is available for sale at the museum and local book stores. Do you have a historical photo from Haliburton's past? We'd love to share it with the community. Call 457-1037, email editor@haliburtonecho.ca or bring it to our office at 146 Highland Street.

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ELKE ZILLA

Special to the Echo

"It's astounding how many people in Haliburton County have been diagnosed with cancer. Astounding! I'm seriously beginning to wonder if there is something in our water.... It's a bit of a mystery.... These statistics are alarming and the last thing we want to do is give anyone false hope, but when it comes right down to it there are only three choices—chemo, radiation or surgery. One's worse than the other. And once you've had it, there is a huge chance it comes back. I hear that holistic hoo-haw doesn't exactly cure anybody either."

I didn't know the group of women who were engaged in this conversation at the fitness centre today. I'm sure they were well-meaning and compassionate people merely chatting as they were preparing for a class. We have all heard similar fears expressed by others on different occasions. The story of yet another's recent cancer diagnosis, treatment, or loss of life is often a topic of discussion among the anxious, concerned, caring members of our community.

I considered interjecting to say that the number of triumphant people in this area who have overcome cancer is just as astounding, that the "exceptional" person with a cancer diagnosis and, in fact, most survivors, feel more secure, self-assured and empowered when they understand and participate in crafting a treatment plan. That there are countless "patients" who take responsibility for their own healing, participate actively in their care and are willing to investigate every alternative, natural and complimentary option that can assist them in the recovery process.

I wanted to share that there is no false hope for the person who recognizes that the healthy part of them continues to fight, who acknowledges

that only a small percentage of their totality has cancer, who knows that the rest of their being — their inner mental and emotional resources, their immune system, their very life force — is co-operating with their medical treatment. That's truly astounding!

I wonder if we can rise above the premise that those of us who are identified with a serious diagnosis are less fortunate than those who are not. Isn't it often our experience that what initially seems to be a tragedy brings the greatest good into our lives? A crisis calls for change; the call for action can be a positive, life altering experience. How you react to your health challenge is your choice. Many people who have been diagnosed with illnesses consider their situations to be inspiring opportunities for transformation on many levels, leading them to places of awareness, insight, and even mastery.

I contemplated gathering the nerve to share my personal belief with these women: that disease can be healed if we are willing to change the way we think, believe and act. That maybe all we need is a little shift in the way we think about ourselves, recognizing the great truth that we are the architects of our own experience, and that miracles can happen when we are open to literally "change our minds". By changing our perceptions, we can move out of fear and into a state of acceptance and unwavering belief in possibility.

But the sweetest thing about that moment was realizing that there is power and wisdom in remaining silent. Experience is the greatest and only true teacher.

Not very long ago, I was diagnosed with cancer, and was caught in thoughts that were profoundly more cancerous than my pathology. Fear overpowered me. I anticipated the devastating impact this cancer would have on my kids, my

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Thoughts can be more cancerous than the pathology

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husband, my parents, my students, my career, my finances. I contemplated my low tolerance for pain, the impact and risk of surgery, the best case scenario, the worst case scenario the agony of long-term suffering and the possibility of dying. And I replayed these thoughts over and over again. Then, in a fleeting moment of stillness, a new thought emerged: "I understand the appropriateness of this response, given the circumstances...but how is it working for you?" At that moment, I let it all go. Thank God.

And speaking of God... I did enter into frequent negotiations with the entire heavenly realm, usually at about 4 a.m. each morning!

Days later, as I was wheeled down an insanely busy corridor on my way to surgery, I prayed for a miracle. Suddenly, a woman whom I had never met handed me a card, and graced me forever with these words:

The heroine's journey through cancer requires toughness, resilience, patience and flexibility. During the process of coping with diagnosis, treatment, decisions, and adjustments to side effects, it may be difficult to imagine any benefits. But remember darling, you are not your illness. The essence of who you are is more than your body. Regardless of how you are feeling right now or even how others might perceive you, know that within your body is a free, wise, compassionate and powerful spirit. Trust this power and intelligence and follow your own healing abilities. Whatever is needed will be revealed to you. All is well.

A miracle had indeed arrived...and it came with instructions.

And now I have promises to keep and several other teachers to acknowledge on the path. I want to pay tribute to a five-year-old angel who embraced my life on a gloomy March morning at the the Kingston Regional Cancer Centre. This wise little being invited me to put my faith in my "goodness rather than my sickness." I want to celebrate the life of a 77-year-old self-made millionaire named Jim, a pilot, a fighter, a kindred spirit, a loving and gentle being whose last words to me were: "I'm rooting and praying for you Canadian."

And then there is much I owe to a wonderful, intuitive psychic healer, a wise woman who taught me how to "communicate with my cells" through the joy of dance and music.

In future issues, I intend to share some of their stories, which I'm sure will serve as inspiration for us all.

Today is my birthday. I have reached the beloved age of 53. Ten months ago, after my ovarian cancer diagnosis, I truly had no idea what the status of my health, or my existence, would be on this day. Yet here I am, profoundly grateful, blessed and still recovering into new levels of well-being.

Today, I will not give the slightest attention to conversations of alarming statistics, recurring cancer stories, or malignant agents in the Haliburton waters. Rather, I choose to spend this precious day in quiet meditation, looking over the magnificent frozen lakes...across to that little medical building and feeling such love and gratitude for Dr. Feraccutti and the hardest working team of doctors and staff I have ever known. How fortunate am I to live in this precious little village, a place that has become such a significant part of my life, and will continue



Illness can be a transforming experience, says Elke Zilla, who was diagnosed with cancer. It can lead people to places of awareness, insight and even mastery.

to be through the years of follow-up care.

Today, embracing a moment of peace and gratitude feels far more appropriate than imposing my views on anyone. Everyone finds their own way. All is well.

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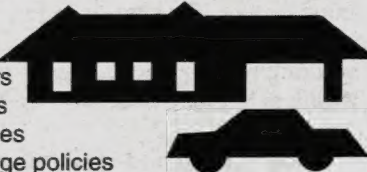
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Pat Quinn proud of team's reaction to 15-0 victory

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But the seven-goal edge the Canadians managed over the Czechs was small compared to team's 15-0 blowout against Kazakhstan in game two on December 28.

The win matched Canada's biggest ever shutout victory in World Junior history, a feat first accomplished on December 25, 2002 against France.

While the Canadians showed no mercy against the Kazaks, the juniors did show a high level of class by not celebrating goals after they realized the rout was on.

It was an act recognized and appreciated by head coach Pat Quinn after the game.

"Part of being professional is not showing it down anybody's throat," said Quinn in a Hockey Canada press release after the game. "I didn't want us to let up how we played, but at the end of the day, I don't like the hot dog stuff and give the kids credit they did it on their own."

Hodgson scored two goals and added four helpers in the victory, which gives him two goals and six assists for eight points in two games.

Team Canada faced Germany on Monday night. Visit our website, www.haliburtonecho.ca, for the latest update.



Cody Hodgson battles in front of the Kazakhstan net on his way to a six-point game in Team Canada's blowout on Sunday. Photo by Andre Ringuette/HHOF-IIHF Images

Sparking hydro wires also keep firefighters busy

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Firefighters were on site for approximately five hours, putting an end to an already busy day.

The department received five calls for help on Sunday.

One was for a medical assist and the next one was for a hydro line that had fallen across Kashagawigamog Road near Chateau Woodland. The line was sparking and while firefighters were insuring the safety of motorists there, they got a call that there was smoke at Haliburton Hospital.

"Because of the power fluctuations a motor burned up" in the kitchen area, Maughan says.

Firefighters were at the hospital when another call came in about a downed hydro line in Eagle Lake.

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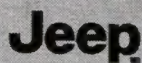
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Crowd buys into free afternoon of skating

Photos by Matt James

Members of the community gathered inside the Dysart et al arena for a free public skate sponsored by the folks at Remax Haliburton on December 29. Music played throughout the arena and family and friends enjoyed an afternoon of free skating before the end of Christmas holidays.



Clockwise from bottom left: Pretty in hockey-style pink is Haydee Billings, 5, and her friend Storm Brannigan, 6 of Haliburton. Alexandra Yake, 11, works on her form. Ready for hockey is Austin Billings, 8, of Haliburton. London Reynolds, who isn't a hockey player, shows off his stopping skills. And Amber Perry, 12, does the splits—on purpose or not.



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"Our goal is collect 135 units of blood today," said registered nurse and clinic head organizer Tracey Robinson.

In order to collect the 135 units Robinson said they would need blood from at least 150 people and each unit has the potential to save three lives. And here's something you might not know: when blood is sent back to Toronto it is separated into plasma, platelets, and red blood cells. When someone receives blood the likely aren't getting whole blood, but one of these three blood components.

Photo by Matt James

Hockey Storm descends on Bracebridge Jan 4

The following are updates from the Highland Storm hockey teams.

Novice

The Novice Storm is second in the division with a record of 8-7-1 and will try for their first win since December 7 when they take on their first-place rivals from Bracebridge in Minden on January 4 at 1 p.m.

Atom A

With a record of 7-5-3 the Atom As still have a chance to take sole possession of third place in their division. The team's three-game winning streak was snapped with a loss to the division-leading Bracebridge team 4-1, but they'll have a chance to redeem themselves in a rematch on January 4 in Minden at 2 p.m.

Atom B

Make it two wins in a row since the last update for the Atom B Storm. The consecutive victories over Gravenhurst 8-6 and 7-0 put them two games over .500. With two games left in the regular season the Storm will take on first-place Bracebridge in Minden at 7 p.m. on January 9.

Pee Wee A

The Pee Wee As are still without a loss this season with a record of 13-0-1. A large part of their success comes from a surging offense that has scored 108 goals against their competition. An impenetrable defense has also helped - the team has given up only 29 goals all season. The team looks to stretch the streak on January 3 in Gravenhurst at 6 p.m. A further posi-

tive, they have three games in hand over the second place team.

Pee Wee B

After dropping the first game 10-1 in back to back games against North Muskoka, the Pee Wee B Storm is back in the win column with a 4-3 victory in game two. It's been a tough go this year for the Storm but they'll continue to try and improve on their 4-10-1 record. Their next opportunity comes in Bracebridge on January 3 at 5:10 p.m.

Bantam A

The snowstorm on December 19 forced a

game cancellation against Huntsville and a December 21 loss against Bracebridge gives the Storm a 2-6-6 record. The Storm will skate hard and vie for a win on January 4 in Gravenhurst at 6 p.m.

Midget A

The Midget A Storm is riding a six-game winning streak thanks to a 3-2 road win over Almaguin on December 20. The Midgets' 8-4-3 record brings the team within one point of first place. The team takes on Huntsville in Minden at 5:30 p.m. on January 3.

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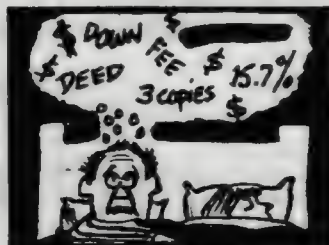


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Four Strong Winds blow into Wilberforce

Four Strong Winds rang out from the Lloyd Watson Stage on Saturday night. Gale force winds blew through the province on Sunday. *Walking In A Winter Wonderland* was sung with humour at the Edgar Thatcher concert as the rain poured down outside and jokes were made about rowing boats home. Oh yes, it may be many things here in the Highlands, but it's never dull. And that includes the weather. Where else can one experience such variety of weather in a week? From piles of snow being shovelled, ploughed and played in, from frosty cold to spring-like mild temperatures with pouring rain. Then the gusting winds becoming cold, drying out the muddy paths and leaving a scattering of snow.

Saturday night's concert, a musical cabaret with Edgar Thatcher and Friends, found our own talented Elsie Lewis (usually found at St. Margaret's organ) jazzing it up on the keyboard for their rendition of that old favourite, *Four Strong Winds*. Do you suppose they conjured up the Sunday winds with that number? In any case the audience was well entertained with a wide variety of pieces at the Home To The Highlands concert.

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Edgar and Shari Thatcher brought together very talented musicians for the show. There were Jamie Campbell of Perth and Doug Reansbury of Kingston doing vocals and playing amazing guitar music. On keyboards were Paul Thompson and his daughter Laura Thompson who

presented two songs while accompanying herself. These musicians played and sang together, they did solos, they backed each other and made wonderful music together doing serious gentle pieces such as *I Will Not Forget You* and the rollicking *You're A Pirate*.

A comedy presentation featuring Edgar and young Stan Riley was an amazingly well-executed "hockey" interpretation of the old *Who's On First* routine. Well received with their Celtic offerings were local artists Bethany Houghton on fiddle and Ernie Dumuth on guitar. Adding to the fun, Loop Troupe members Dan Linkert as the Pizza Boy and the phone guy with Marg Jeske and Hilda Clark as the socialites provided some action during *Everybody's On The Phone* spoofing our dependence on technology to communicate. As song goes, "So connected and all alone".

Many thanks to Shari Thatcher who despite an injured

foot, seemed to be everywhere, feeding the band, organizing displays and refreshments and even being featured in the *Everybody's On The Phone* number. Impressive too is that the Thatchers know so much about the community and the people here, including those connected with the historic Essonville Church and Red Cross Outpost Museum as well as Canoe FM and local businesses. Edgar is a pro, introducing in the program pertinent information about local places, people and events. Introducing the Railroad Trilogy he spoke of a recent visit to Fleming College. There in a picture of the last spike of the railway across Canada being driven he noted that Sir Sandford Fleming was the only man there in a top hat!

The musical cabaret ended on a high note when a serious Silent Night number turned into some humorous interactions between Doug and the others entertaining the audience with Doug's idea of other Christmas favourites. They included *Frosty the Snowman* and *Gramma Got Run Over by a Reindeer*. Thanks to Edgar and Shari and their friends for making the highlands their second home. Thanks to all who helped in all the ways that made the evening fun.

Family gatherings seemed to have been the other main events of the past week here. Hope your Christmas was as pleasant as mine. Best wishes for a healthy happy 2009 with lots of love and laughter for our readers.

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plicants must be facing eviction, reside in either the City of Kawartha Lakes or the County of Haliburton, have a steady income and must ensure the landlord is willing to be involved in the process.

"We encourage people to contact us if they are in arrears to see if they are eligible for the program," says Lee.

Applications for the Provincial Rent Bank Program are available at the City of Kawartha Lakes Social Services office at 322 Kent St. W. in Lindsay or online at www.city.kawarthalakes.on.ca under House and Home, or call 704-324-6401.



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NOTICE OF PROPOSED SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND

TAKE NOTICE that the Corporation of the Municipality of Dysart et al, intends to pass a by-law to dispose of certain lands in the Township of Dysart, County of Haliburton, more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the purpose and effect of the proposed by-law is to authorize the sale of said lands to the adjoining property owner.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that any person wishing to comment on the proposed sale should submit such comments in writing to the CAO/Clerk at the address set out below on or before the 7th day of January, 2009.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the proposed by-law will come before the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Dysart et al, at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton, Ontario on the 12th day of January, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.

DATED at Haliburton and first published this 22nd day of December, 2008.

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SCHEDULE "A"

Lot 10, Plan 629, between 2053 and 2057 Fred Jones Road, Outlet Bay, Drag Lake.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

- **DATE:** Wednesday, January 14th, 2009
- **TIME:** 11:00 a.m.
- **LOCATION:** Council Chambers at the Municipal Office,
135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-08-028 – Lands of Jackson and Estate of Barclay
 - Purpose and Effect: to permit the creation of a lot in the WR4 zone and to recognize the location of an existing single family dwelling.
 - A decrease to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a dwelling to have a front lot line setback of 4.26 metres (14 feet) as opposed to the required 7.5 metres (24.61 feet).
 - A decrease to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a dwelling to have an interior side lot line setback of 1.2 metres (4 feet) as opposed to the required 4.5 metres (14.7 feet).
 - A decrease to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a lot to have a minimum lot area of 2000 square metres (0.49 acres) as opposed to the required 2785 square metres (0.6882 acres).
 - A decrease to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a lot to have a minimum lot frontage of 32.9 metres (108 feet) as opposed to the required 45 metres (147.6 feet).
 - An increase to the provisions of Section 3.7(a) to permit a deck to encroach 3.7 metres (12 feet) into a required setback as opposed to the permitted 3 metres (9.8 feet).
 - An increase to the provisions of Section 3.7(b) to permit stairs to encroach 1.2 metres (4 feet) into a required setback as opposed to the permitted 1 metre (3 feet).
 - Location: Part of Lot 23, Concession 7, Dysart Township (Outlet Bay Road)
 - This application is a condition of consent H-12/2008 and H-13/2008.
2. D13-MV-08-029 – Lands of Jackson and Estate of Barclay
 - Purpose and Effect: to permit the creation of a lot in the RR-10 zone.
 - A decrease to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a lot to have a minimum lot area of 0.5 hectares (1.3 acres) as opposed to the required 0.8 hectares (1.97 acres)
 - Location: Part of Lot 23, Concession 7, Dysart Township (Fred Jones Road)
 - This application is a condition of consent H-12/2008 and H-13/2008.

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing in person to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by counsel for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept written submissions. A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, is available from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Date: December 15th, 2008

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- December 31: Wilberforce Legion Branch 624 is hosting our Annual New Years Celebration – 9-1:30 p.m. Party favors, light lunch, lots of fun. \$35 couple, \$18 single.
- December 31: Last day to register for Community Care's Easy Yoga Fit class. Ida 457-2941. Classes begin January 8th.
- December 31: Last day to register for Community Care's Gentle Exercise Aquasize. Ida 457-2941. Classes begin January 12th.
- January 3: Wilberforce Legion Br #624 Monthly Karaoke – From 9 p.m to 1:30 a.m. Come and sing your favourite song.
- January 5: Ontario Early Years Centre re-opens in Haliburton and Minden
- January 5: Join Community Care in the drop in centre at 1 p.m. for Contract Bridge 457-2941
- January 7: Join Community Care's Diners Club at Win Yeung. Pre-registration required. 457-2941
- January 8: Join Community Care in the drop in centre at 10 a.m. for linedancing. 457-2941
- January 8: Join Community Care in the drop in centre at 1 p.m. for Bid Euchre. 457-2941
- January 8: Join Community Care at 4:30 p.m. for Yoga. Pre-registration required. 457-2941
- January 9: Wilberforce Legion Branch #624 Potluck and Jam Session – Potluck starts at 7 p.m and the jam session starts around 8:30 p.m. Come out and enjoy some great dishes and music after.
- January 9: Join Community Care's Diners Club at Wilberforce Legion. Pre-registration required. 457-2941.
- January 9: Join Community Care in the drop-in centre for Cribbage. 457-2941.
- January 12: Taoist Tai Chi Society - Taoist Tai Chi Society(R) - new classes beginning in Haliburton, Minden and Wilberforce. Please call Brenda at 447-2148 for more information. Taoist Tai Chi(R) is a gentle form of exercise which helps people of all ages to improve their balance, flexibility and strength.
- January 12: Join Community Care's Aquasize program. Pre-registration required. 457-2941
- January 19: Wilberforce Heritage Guild Annual Meeting – Will be held at the Lloyd Watson Centre at 7 p.m. All welcomed. Refreshments
- January 24: Teachings Round the Moon Calendar at the Full Moon – Learn about the moon calendar as Alice Miller has produced a unique 2008 calendar based on the moon cycles and the art of her father, Native artist, Gordon Miller. Join her on the Full Moon at 1032 Cameron Lane, off the Barry Line for a fascinating evening in which she'll share Native stories, symbolism and traditions depicted in her father's art. \$20 includes a calendar. Call Gaia Centre near West Guilford to register 754-2427.
- January 30: 2009 Taylor Cup Pond Hockey Championships – 4-on-4 pond hockey tournament from January 30 to February 1st at Bayview Wildwood Resort on Sparrow Lake, just north of Orillia in support of the Princess Margaret Hospital Cancer Research Fun. For more info, directions and registration visit www.taylorcup.ca

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Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.

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Model students at Tall Oaks

For the past few weeks, volunteers Rick Pyl and Gord Forbes have been helping students at the Tall Oaks Christian Academy make model airplanes. The school is in its fourth year of operation and is located at Medeba in West Guilford. It's taking part in a Grocery Card Fundraising Campaign with Todd's Independent Grocers. People in the community can purchase debit-style grocery cards in increments of \$50, \$100, \$250 and Steve Todd generously donates five per cent of the school's sales back to the school for operational expenses. Tall Oaks endeavours to make private Christian schooling as affordable as possible for families, and without government private school funding, this program is vital to its financial support.

The Christmas season brings families together

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west guilford

Eleanor Cooper
764-2278

Christmas at the West Guilford Community Centre was hosted on December 24th by the Morrison family, on December 25th by the Bain family, and 27th by the Karl Upton construction of families.

J'Nan, Mike, Curtis, and Derek Yateman of Bowmanville spent Christmas with Shirley Sisson, Ryan Sisson (son of Janet and Dwight) of Burlington arrived later to celebrate the holiday.

Susan Norcross's daughter Christine with her husband, Thomas Schuster of Vancouver, spent the happy Christmas days at Susan's home on Grass Lake.

Faye Stamp and daughter Lynn spent the holiday time at Craig and Cherie Stamp's home in Calgary.

John Henderson was home in Haliburton with his mother Jean at her Park Lane Apartment.

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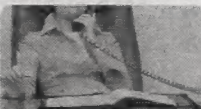
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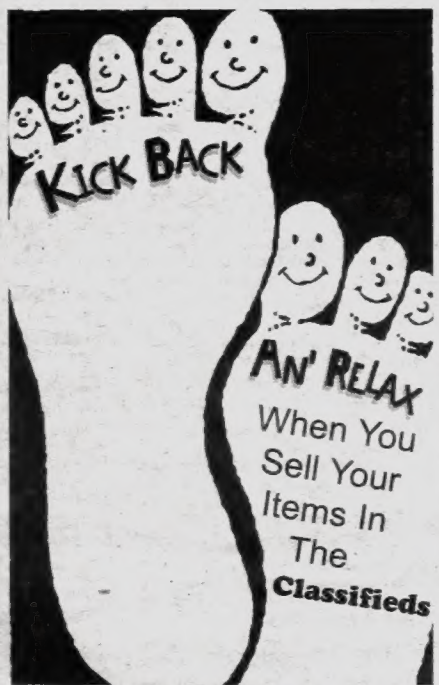
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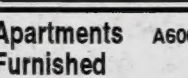
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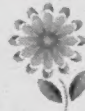
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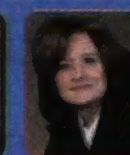
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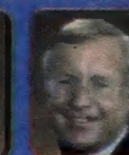
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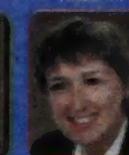
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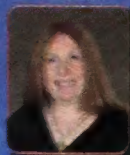
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